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Harriet Tubman Coalition Building  
Princess Anne  
c. 1880  
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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-356

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Harriet Tubman Coalition Building

### 2. Location

street and number 424 Race Street not for publication

city, town Cambridge x vicinity

county Dorchester

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Harriet Tubman Coalition, Inc.

street and number 424 Race Street telephone 410-228-0401

city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613-1836

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber PLC 273 folio 610

city, town Cambridge tax map 301 tax parcel 4498 tax ID number 07-154682

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Harriet Tubman Coalition Building is located at 424 Race Street in the center of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. Presently used as the organization's headquarters and office, the two-story, three-bay, gable-front frame commercial block was built around 1880. Supported on a minimal masonry foundation, the exterior is clad with plain weatherboards, and the medium pitched gable roof is covered with fiberglass shingles. The rectangular frame commercial block is extended to the rear by a late twentieth century single-story concrete block addition. At the present time (February 2010) the building is being renovated.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Harriet Tubman Coalition building is a two-story, three-bay rectangular frame commercial block that stands at 424 Race Street in the midst of the central business district of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The gable-front frame structure faces west with the roof oriented on an east/west axis. The building is flanked on each side elevation by two-story brick commercial blocks, while the rear wall of the nineteenth century building is partially covered by a single-story concrete block addition.

The west (main) façade is a three-bay elevation with an altered first floor storefront. At the moment, the first floor front and interior are being reworked. An insensitive false brick front and shed roof eave have been removed in favor of a new elevation more in keeping with the late nineteenth century character of the structure. A recessed entrance is flanked by display windows. The second floor is defined by three, evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows framed by segmental arched lintels with molded caps. The lintels have a slight eared molding at each end of the lintel. The vertical legs of the window surrounds have a flare base atop the wood sill. Piercing the gable end is a pointed arch Gothic window also featuring a corresponding molding atop the arch, and a flared surround at the base. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave with returns at the base. Trimming the outside corners of the building are narrow corner boards.

The north and south sides of the building are completely covered by adjacent commercial blocks, and a single story rear wing extends to the rear. The interior has been gutted to a large degree in the process of a on-going renovation/restoration.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### SUMMARY SIGNIFICANCE

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### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

A clouded late nineteenth century history of ownership for this Race Street parcel obscures conjecture on who was responsible for its construction around 1880. In 1929, the commercial property was purchased by A. Shepherd Bayly from trustees W. Laird Henry and Emerson C. Harrington for \$24,360.<sup>1</sup> For the next thirty two years the property remained in Bayly family hands until the property, identified as 22 Race Street, was sold to Henry S. Devos in September 1961.<sup>2</sup> During the following twenty-eight years it was used as a jewelry shop. More recently, since 1992, the building has served as the headquarters of the Harriet Tubman Coalition, which is financing a reworking of the Victorian building including a redesign of its formerly altered first floor storefront.

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, 24/671, 1 November 1929, Dorchester County Courthouse.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, 125/39, 12 September 1961, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Harriet Tubman Coalition Building  
424 Race Street  
Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 301, Parcel 4498

## CHAIN-OF-TITLE

PLC 273/610

Daniel J. Swafford, Sr.

to

5.22.1992

The Harriet Tubman Coalition, Inc.

PLC 270/71

Bruce O. Gair and Linda H. Gair

to

10.11.1991

Daniel J. Swafford

PLC 257/631

Henry S. Devos

to

7.10.1989

Bruce O. Gair and Linda H. Gair

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PLC 125/39

Sarah Bayly Schlaick, divorced, Carl J. Schlaick, Carolyn Bayly Drury

to

9.12.1961

Henry S. Devos

22 Race Street (Upon the death of A. Shepherd Bayly, intestate, his interest in said property descended unto Sadie H. Bayly, his widow, Sarah Bayly Schlaick, Elizabeth Bayly Murphy and Carolyn Bayly Drury, his daughters, as his only heirs-at-law. Upon the death of Elizabeth Bayly Murphy, intestate, her interest in said property passed by descent unto the said Sadie H. Bayly, her Mother, and J. Monroe Murphy, her husband, as her only heirs-at-law. By deed bearing date May 8, 1948, and of record, RSM 66/135, the said J. Monroe Murphy and wife conveyed his interest in said property unto the said Sadie H. Bayly. The said Sadie H. Bayly, by her last will and testament which was probated on August 7, 1959, APM 3/225, devised her interest in the said property unto the said Sarah Bayly Schlaick and Carolyn Bayly Drury....

JFD 24/671

W. Laird Henry and Emerson C. Harrington, Trustees

to

11.1.1929

A. Shepherd Bayly

\$24,360 ...All that lot or parcel of land, situate, lying and being on the East side of Race Street in the town of Cambridge

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3,574 square feet  
Acreage of historical setting 3,574 square feet +/-  
Quadrangle name Cambridge, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	2/15/2010
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

TALBOT CO  
DORCHESTER CO

Light

Hambrooks  
Bar

Stage 3

Boat  
Ramp

Radio  
Tower  
(WCEN)  
Great Marsh  
Point

Sandy Hill  
Sch

Middle  
Sch

Glasgow  
Sch

Golden Shore  
Sch

Long Wharf  
Park

Tidal  
Sta

Boat  
Ramps

Heliport  
Hosp

Greenlawn  
Cem

BM 12

Chesapeake  
College

St Clair  
Sch

CAMBRIDGE

Bethel  
Cem

Maces Lane

D-356, Harriet Tubman Coalition  
Bldg.  
Cambridge, MD Quadrangle



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**Harriet  
Tubman  
Org., Inc.**

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HARRIET TURNER COALITION  
BLDG.

CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER  
CO. MA

WEST ELEVATION

2.2010, PAUL B. TOWNE,

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WtG. / MD. HISTORICAL  
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HANKIER TUBMAN COALMIN  
BUILDING  
CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER  
CO., MD.

WEST ELEVATION

3.2011, PAUL B. TONANT,  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Henry S. Devos, Jewelers

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

424-426 Race Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

I

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
 \_\_\_ STRUCTURE  
 \_\_\_ SITE  
 \_\_\_ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
 \_\_\_ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 \_\_\_ IN PROCESS  
 \_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
 \_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED  
 \_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
 \_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 \_\_\_ NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE  
☒ COMMERCIAL  
 \_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL  
 \_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT  
 \_\_\_ GOVERNMENT  
 \_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL  
 \_\_\_ MILITARY  
 \_\_\_ MUSEUM  
 \_\_\_ PARK  
 \_\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 \_\_\_ RELIGIOUS  
 \_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC  
 \_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION  
 \_\_\_ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Henry S. Devos

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

206 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a small frame commercial building of two stories. There is a pointed arched window in the gable on the front, and on the second floor are three fairly tall, round, arched windows. Although the second story remains basically unaltered, the first story has been covered by black brick or tile and large glass windows have been added.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small store is the only frame building on this block of Race Street. It is interesting to note that before the fire of 1910, most of the buildings on Race Street were of frame construction, but they were rebuilt in brick after the fire. The pointed arched window in the gable of this structure reflects the influence of the Gothic revival style. Unfortunately, the modern store front renovation, on the first story, conflicts with the original style of the building.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Catherine L. Moore

ORGANIZATION

DATE

12/30/75

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

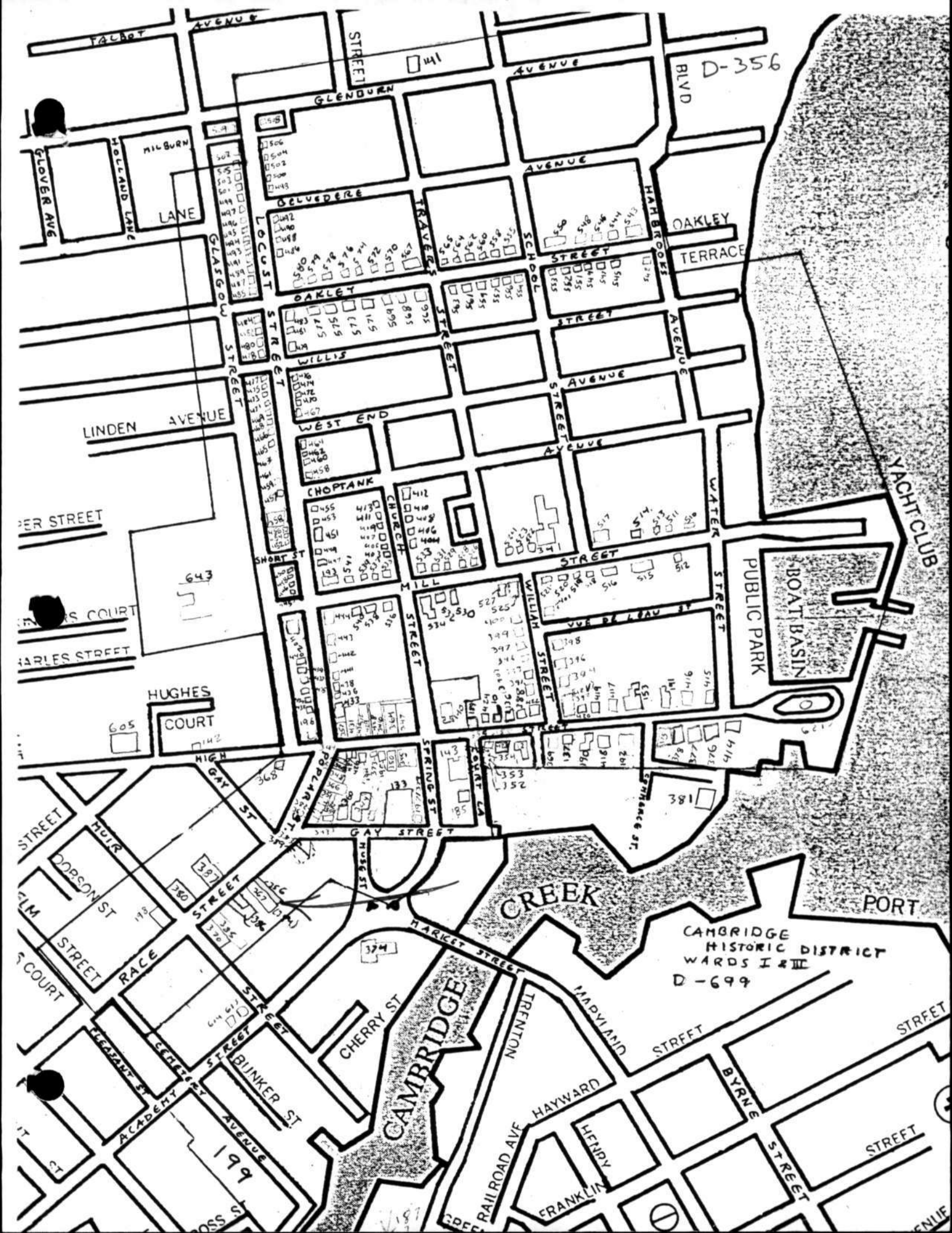
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Maryland

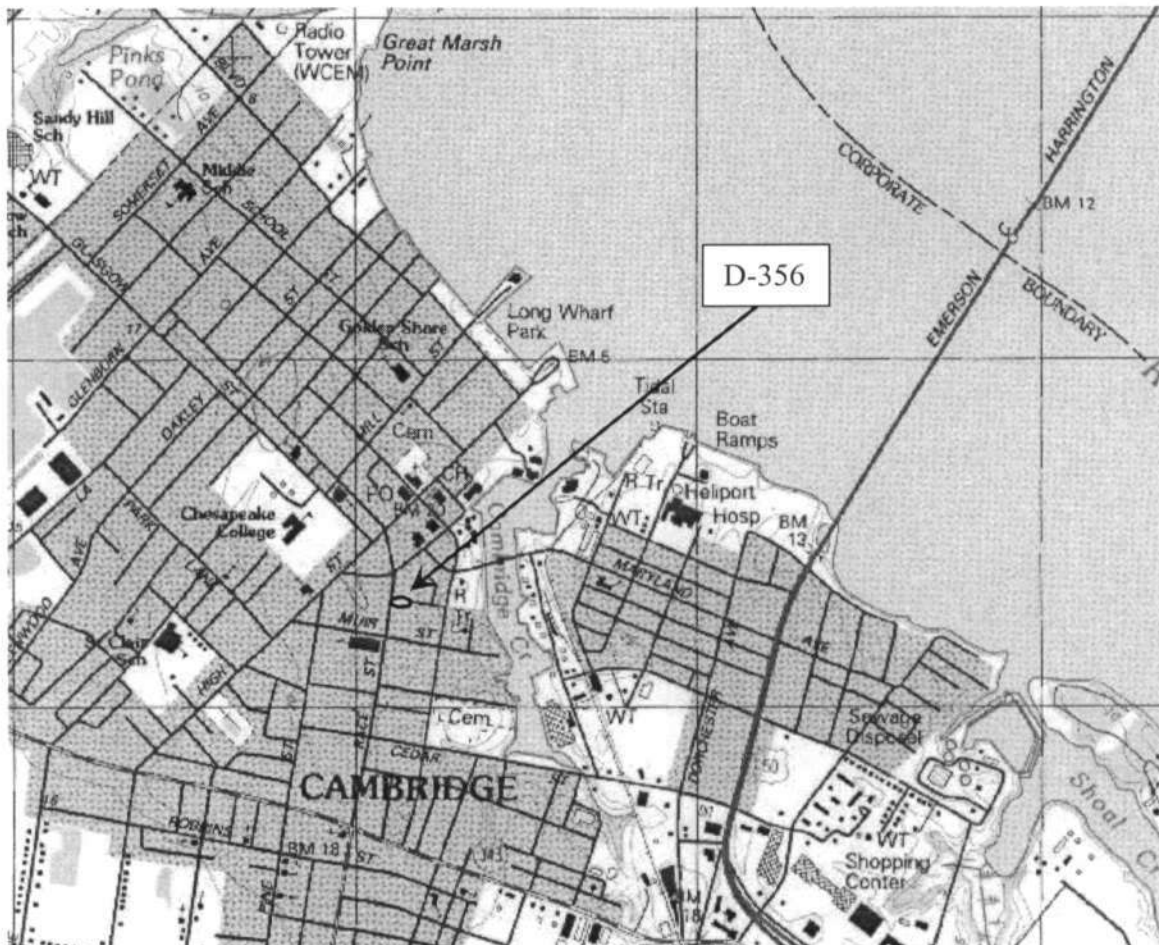
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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424-426 Race St.  
Cambridge  
Cambridge Quad.  
Dorchester Co.





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DIAMONDS

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424-426 Race St., Cambridge - Cam, 1976

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